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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, BA, US

SUBJECT: U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BAHRAIN

REF: STATE 186611

1. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN AUG. 24 PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS
STATE 185446 I ALSO CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS ON TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE CONTAINED IN REFTEL. FONMIN ASKED FOR INFORMAL
MEMORANDUM LISTING SPECIFIC AREAS NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL IN
ORDER TO DISCUSS THESE OFFERS IN CABINET. I WILL SUPPLY THIS
AUG. 25WHEN I DELIVER DRAFT TEXT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AGREEMENT (STATE 186608) JUST RECEIVED.

2. FONMIN EXPRESSED APPREIABTION FOR OBVIOUS EFFORT AND
THOUGHTWHICH HAD GONE INTO THIS USG RESPONSE TO BAHRAIN'S
DESIRE FOR USG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRESENCE. HE EXPRESSED
AWARENESS OF LEGAL AND BUDGETARY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ANY
USG FUNDING OF USG TECHNICAL PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN BUT INDICATED
BAHRAIN'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN SEEING USG DEVISE SOME METHOD
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TO "TOP" SALARIES OF U.S. ADVISORS TO MAKE AMERICAN

EXPERTISE COMPETITIVE WITH THAT OF OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS UK, HERE. AT SAME TIME HE ACKNOWLEDGED GOB AWARENESS THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS COULD NOT BE MADE OVERNIGHT AND SAID BAHRAIN WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IF ANY FUTURE USG SALARY TOPPING CAPABILITY HERE RESTED ON REGIONAL OR WORLDWIDE PROGRAM RATHER THAN ONE SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR BAHRAIN, SINCE HE AWARE THAT ASKING FOR USG FUNDING OF USG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN BAHRAIN AT THIS TIME MIGHT LINK US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH MIDEASTFOR QUESTION AND TOUCH OFF DAMAGING DEBATE IN U.S. CONGRESS.

3. AS TO SPECIFIC QUESTION PARA 4 REFTEL, I RECEIVED NO CLEAR INDICATION FROM FONMIN OF GOB REACTION AND EXPECT NONE UNTIL HE HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS WITH CABINET. WILL REPORT FIRM REACTION SOONEST.

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